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**PROCEEDING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON, STATE OF MONTANA  
March 30, 2010**

**Present:** Commissioners Lythgoe, Kirsch and Wortman; Jan Anderson, *Boulder Monitor/Jefferson County Courier*; Ike Jessee, Colleen Teeling, Barbara Sunderland

**MINUTES**

Commissioner Wortman moved to approve the minutes of March 16. Commissioner Kirsch seconded. The motion carried.

Commissioner Lythgoe moved to approve the minutes of March 23. Commissioner Wortman seconded. The motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Commissioner Lythgoe read a letter from the Boulder Area Recreational Trails Committee (BART-COM). They have formed a subcommittee under the Boulder Community Development Organization and have acquired 501-c-3 status. They are working to promote a walking, biking and running trail in and around Boulder. They want to extend a walking trail out to the fairgrounds and also to have a bike/walking path included in the design of the upgrades to Highway 69. They would like a letter of support from the Commission.

Commissioner Lythgoe asked if there had been any discussion of a bike/ped trail at any of the meetings. Commissioner Wortman said that it was discussed. MDT has said that they are working within pretty tight constraints on width as it is. They are planning five-foot shoulders, and studies that have been done show that this is sufficient for walking.

Commissioner Lythgoe stated that the committee wants us to write a letter asking that MDT consider this, but he feels that it would be a nuisance for MDT to have to take the time to consider this. Also, MDT doesn't have the funds to put in a walking trail.

Commissioner Kirsch will draft a letter in response to BART-COM.

Commissioner Wortman read a letter from Pat Kountz regarding a meeting held on March 17 with Commissioners from Madison and Jefferson Counties regarding a dike on the Jefferson River. A meeting has been scheduled April 14 at the Forest Service building in Whitehall. They are researching funding possibilities and disaster mitigation funds may be available.

Commissioner Lythgoe read a public notice from A.M. Wells that they have applied for an opencut mine permit application to the Department of Environmental Quality. The site is located about 8 miles southeast of Boulder on Highway 69. The mine will provide materials for the Highway 69 project.

### **CALENDAR REVIEW**

3/31 Meeting with Michael Kakuth regarding impact fees - 1:00  
4/07 Meeting with Great West regarding wastewater PERs - 11:00

### **COMMISSION REPORTS**

#### **MONTANA CITY BASEBALL**

Commissioner Lythgoe reported that he attended a meeting Wednesday night with the Big Sky homeowner's association, Montana City School, Greg Dahl and the baseball group to discuss the ball fields. Antler Drive is the only access to subdivision, they are concerned with the added traffic. This is the second meeting this year. Matt and Joe were there, and he believes that they have come to some agreement as to joint participation on the road so that the homeowner's association folks, school, baseball folks, and county are all pleased.

#### **HIGHWAY 69 PROJECT**

Commissioner Wortman reported that on Tuesday night he attended a scoping meeting for the Highway 69 project. The meeting was very well attended. DOT discussed their concerns with the narrow corridor and the wetlands area. The public had concerns with the speed limit.

#### **TSEP PUBLIC HEARING**

Commissioner Wortman reported that on Wednesday night attended a TSEP public hearing in Whitehall regarding the TSEP project.

#### **ELKHORN MINE**

Commissioner Kirsch reported that on Wednesday he attended the Elkhorn Mine Citizens Advisory Group meeting. They are still looking for money to fund operations.

#### **JLDC**

Commissioner Kirsch reported that on Thursday he attended the JLDC meeting in Montana City. They are planning to trigger the option they have to take over the south campus. The culinary

school is still looking very promising, and it would be great for the community if they could get it going. Also, the people at youth dynamics are looking to buy building 6; this would get the building on the tax rolls.

### **ITEMS FOR COMMISSIONERS ACTION OR REVIEW**

#### **APPOINT BOARD MEMBER**

Commissioner Lythgoe moved to appoint Bud Siderits to the Museum Board. Commissioner Kirsch seconded. The motion carried.

#### **RATIFY THE SOLID WASTE BOARD'S APPOINTMENT OF LEONARD WORTMAN AS TEMPORARY SOLID WASTE MANAGER**

Commissioner Wortman explained that when Ken Weber resigned on the 16<sup>th</sup>, the Solid Waste Board decided at their meeting that night to appoint him temporary manager.

Commissioner Lythgoe moved to follow the Solid Waste Board's recommendation that Leonard Wortman be the temporary Solid Waste Manager. Commissioner Kirsch seconded. The motion carried.

Commissioner Wortman moved to adjourn. Commissioner Lythgoe seconded. The motion carried.

### **MEETING ADJOURNED**

#### **ATTEST:**

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**BONNIE RAMEY**  
**CLERK AND RECORDER**

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